

UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT
DISTRICT OF SOUTH CAROLINA

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BRENDA K. ARGOE, CLERK
United States Bankruptcy Court
Columbia, South Carolina (28)

IN RE:)
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ASSIGNMENT OF CASES) OPERATING ORDER 97-1¹
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I

Beginning October 1, 1997, cases which are filed under Title 11 of the United States Code on and after that date are to be assigned by the clerk as follows:

1. Columbia Division:

All Chapter 7 cases	Judge John E. Waites
One-half Chapter 11 cases	Chief Judge J. Bratton Davis
One-fourth Chapter 11 cases	Judge Wm. Thurmond Bishop
One-fourth Chapter 11 cases	Judge John E. Waites
All Chapter 12 cases	Chief Judge J. Bratton Davis
All Chapter 13 cases	Chief Judge J. Bratton Davis

2. Charleston Division Cases:

Two-thirds Chapter 7 cases	Judge John E. Waites
One-third Chapter 7 cases	Judge Wm. Thurmond Bishop
All Chapter 11 cases	Judge John E. Waites
All Chapter 12 cases	Judge John E. Waites
All Chapter 13 cases	Judge Wm. Thurmond Bishop

¹This order supersedes Amended Operating Order 95-5, filed February 23, 1996



3. Spartanburg Division Cases:

All Chapter 7 cases	Judge Wm. Thurmond Bishop
All Chapter 11 cases	Judge Wm. Thurmond Bishop
All Chapter 12 cases	Judge Wm. Thurmond Bishop
All Chapter 13 cases	Judge John E. Waites

4. A case in which Chief Judge J. Bratton Davis has a conflict is to be assigned to Judge John E. Waites.

5. A Columbia Division case in which Judge Wm. Thurmond Bishop has a conflict is to be assigned to Chief Judge J. Bratton Davis.

6. A Charleston or Spartanburg Division case in which Judge Wm. Thurmond Bishop has a conflict is to be assigned to Judge John E. Waites.

7. A case in which Judge John E. Waites has a conflict is to be assigned to Judge Wm. Thurmond Bishop.

II

In his discretion, for the effective administration of a case, any one of the undersigned judges may take such action as he deems appropriate in that case, regardless of the case assignment.

III

The basic considerations of a case assignment system in a multiple judge court are an equitable distribution of the caseload and avoidance of judge shopping; therefore, this order will



be reviewed on an annual basis to consider the most recent twelve months of case filing statistical data so that equalizing adjustments to the assignment of cases may be made if necessary.


J. BRATTON DAVIS, CHIEF JUDGE


WM. THURMOND BISHOP, JUDGE


JOHN E. WAITES, JUDGE

Columbia, South Carolina

August 8, 1997